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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 98 percent complete, ahead of last year at 88 percent, and ahead of the five-year average of 94 percent. Alfalfa conditions range from poor to good depending on location. Sheeping off is active in western and central alfalfa acres in the State. Range and pasture conditions are mostly very poor, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, greens, lemons, parsley, and spinach.

Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, Chinese cabbage, citrus, endive, escarole, frisee, honeydews, kale, Boston, iceberg, and romaine lettuce, and green leaf, red leaf lettuce, bok choy, parsley, and spinach this week.

Crop Condition

	Crop Condition				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa Range and Pasture	- Percent -				
	-	10	60	20	10
	65	21	8	5	1

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvesting	98	95	88	94

Weather Summary

Temperatures were below normal across the State for the week ending December 27, ranging from 2 degrees below normal at various locations to 7 degrees below normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 72 degrees at Marana and Tucson and the lowest reading of minus 14 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at nineteen

of the 22 stations. Paloma received the lowest at 0.01 inches and Grand Canyon received the most at 0.57 inches of precipitation. There are no reporting stations that have above normal precipitation. Nineteen of the 22 stations show less than 60 percent of normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
December 21, 2009 - December 27, 2009								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	45	-3	62	28	0.13	5.54	-3.54	61
Buckeye	47	-4	65	25	0.06	2.82	-4.72	37
Canyon De Chelly	26	-4	50	1	0.17	5.13	-4.42	54
Coolidge	45	-6	69	20	0.05	3.47	-3.76	48
Douglas	43	-2	66	21	0.23	5.99	-7.31	45
Flagstaff	23	-6	48	-6	0.29	9.92	-12.60	44
Grand Canyon	20	-7	47	-14	0.57	10.28	-9.70	51
Kingman	40	-3	56	25	0.19	5.18	-4.49	54
Marana	48	-3	72	28	0.00	5.13	-5.10	50
Maricopa	46	-4	69	24	0.17	3.83	-2.90	57
Paloma	46	-5	67	24	0.01	1.64	-4.13	28
Parker	48	-3	64	26	0.02	1.62	-1.85	47
Payson	34	-5	53	13	0.05	11.31	-10.49	52
Phoenix	52	-2	71	35	0.18	3.28	-4.26	44
Prescott	35	-2	52	16	0.14	7.81	-11.62	40
Roll	48	-4	66	24	0.00	0.92	-2.21	29
Safford	42	-2	67	20	0.32	4.86	-4.70	51
St. Johns	28	-5	54	6	0.18	3.86	-7.45	34
Tucson	49	-2	72	27	0.14	5.96	-5.92	50
Willcox	40	-3	65	18	0.19	10.16	-2.60	80
Winslow	30	-2	51	4	0.11	3.06	-4.90	38
Yuma	54	-2	71	40	0.00	2.44	-0.69	78
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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